

# *Friends of Red Rock Canyon*

Ever wondered how the BLM is able to maintain such a heavily used conservation area such as Red Rock Canyon? We do it through the efforts not only of BLM staff, but with the financial and volunteer support of our partners such as Friends of Red Rock Canyon. In 2002, Friends volunteers contributed more than 15,600 hours toward trail improvements and rehabilitation, fencing projects, vandalism removal and litter pickup. In addition, Friends contributed crucial financial resources to the projects described on this page.

***Thank you Friends!!!***

*Friends established the nation's first permanent memorial at the visitor center for the September 11, 2001 tragedy. The memorial complemented a dedication walkway under construction around the tortoise habitat.*



*At the visitor center, Friends contributed financial support to purchase new wayside exhibits around the tortoise habitat. Friends has secured additional financial resources to add exhibits along the scenic drive.*



## 2003 TORTOISE TROT



**NOVEMBER 8, 2003**

### ***How can you help?***

Friends of Red Rock Canyon continues to grow through the commitment and generosity of our members and corporate benefactors. The future challenges facing Red Rock Canyon include urban encroachment, loss of native species habitat and continuing to educate the visitors on this unique and rare area. Other areas of concern include overuse, transportation and parking within the conservation area.

By joining and supporting Friends of Red Rock Canyon, whether financially or with your valuable volunteer contributions, you will be helping our efforts to protect this area so that future generations can enjoy its beauty first hand. Our website is: [www.friendsofredrockcanyon.org](http://www.friendsofredrockcanyon.org)

Please contact us if you have any questions at: 702-255-8743.

*Friends of Red Rock Canyon is proud to offer an opportunity to place a personalized natural sandstone memorial tile in tribute to your loved one. Tiles are 12" x 12" and can contain up to 72 letters of text. The tax-deductible donation is \$300 and all net proceeds will be used towards the conservation of Red Rock Canyon.*



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